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SUBJECT: KARACHI MASS TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

1. DEPARTMENT (NEA/PAB) CALLED JANUARY 21 BY MR. JEFFREY SMITH OF PARSONS, BRINKERHOFF, A PROMINENT TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRM IN NEW YORK. SMITH SAID FIRM HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM ABM ENGINEERS (CABLE ADDRESS- IDRIS MIRZA, DOLPHIN, KARACHI) STATING THAT PAKISTANI FIRMS HAD BEEN INVITED TO SUBMIT, IN COOPERATION WITH REPUTABLE FOREIGN FIRMS, BIDS TO COMPLETE A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN INTEGRATED MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR KARACHI. ABM ENGINEERS NOTED THAT BIDDING WOULD CLOSE ON JANUARY 25 REPEAT JANUARY 25 AND SOUGHT "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" FROM PARSONS, BRINKERHOFF TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ABM IN BID.

2. PARSONS, BRINKERHOFF, WHICH HAS COMPLETED MAJOR SIMILAR STUDIES FOR SUCH CITIES AS SAN FRANCISCO, CARACAS, AND MANILA, IS INTERESTED IN ABM'S UNSOLICITED INQUIRY BUT SEEKS FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF IN ANY
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WAY. PARSONS, BRINKERHOFF HAD QUERIED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND IBRD PRIOR TO CALLING STATE BUT HAD FAILED TO LEARN ANYTHING MORE ABOUT STUDY THAN INFORMATION CONVEYED IN ABM CABLE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN KARACHI'S INQUIRING REGARDING WHICH GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCY HAS SOLICITED FEASIBILITY STUDY BIDS, WHICH FINANCIAL INSTI-

TUTIONS HAVE AGREED TO PAY FOR STUDY, AND WHETHER ABM
ENGINEERS IS RECOGNIZED FIRM IN THIS FIELD.
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